

KNOTT THE NOMINEE

The Knott-Catts contest for the gubernatorial nomination, which began in the supreme court last week, apparently ended Tuesday afternoon, when the court ordered a peremptory writ to issue commanding the state canvassing board to reconvene and canvass the amended returns sent up from several counties. This will result in giving Mr. Knott the nomination by a majority of twenty-four votes. By his request, the amended returns from Madison county were eliminated, as he said he did not wish the benefit of any ballots that may be tainted by fraud.

The hearing in the court attracted a large number of people and aroused great interest throughout the state. About a hundred witnesses were summoned to testify concerning the charges of fraud having been made in some of the counties secured by Mr. Knott, but only in the case of Madison county was there any reasonable evidence of fraud.

Had there been a complete, honest and correct re-count of all the ballots cast on June 6th for governor in every precinct of the state, we fully believe that Mr. Knott would have had a majority of several hundred.

Excursion to Fort Myers on the Steam Poinsettia

Steamship excursion on the beautiful steamer Poinsettia to Fort Myers, Fla., one way only, leaving Punta Gorda 8:30 a. m., Sunday. Fare \$1.00. (Advertisement)

Northeast of Woodrow

Woodrow, Sept. 18.—We have been blessed with a plenty of copious showers this last week.

Mrs. Christina Scofield, of Pop Ash neighborhood, came Saturday to spend Sunday with W. J. Colson and family on the Dixie Homestead.

Harry Colson took his brothers Fred and Cecil, to Woodrow, Saturday, to take the train, Fred for Punta Gorda, where he will spend the winter with his brother, Chas. C. Colson, and go to school, and Cecil went to Plant City, where he will spend the winter with his sister, Miss Christina Colson, who is

teaching there, and he will also attend school.

John Jobst of Pop Ash neighborhood, spent Sunday with W. J. Colson and family at the Dixie Homestead.

Wright Browning has quit his job on the Miles grove, near Olga, and has gone to work for Bossman Lochlear, on the Dixie Highway.

We counted eight autos going to Myers last Wednesday on Dixie Highway day—there were five autos passed on the Dixie Highway Sunday.

Fred M. Kaler came home from the road camp, near Rodgers, Saturday, very ill with camp dysentery. He had Shuby Lochlear bring him home in his new Ford car.

F. E. Leonard, Wright Browning and William T. Kaler, of the road camp spent Sunday with home folks. They came in on "Shank's horses."

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nalle, of near Woodrow, were visitors in the McAdow still neighborhood one day last week.

Robert Hogan and wife of Wildwood (used to be Buckingham) spent part of last week with the former's sister, Mrs. F. E. Leonard.

Those whose pepper plants are forward enough to be already transplanted, are now sorry they did not wait a little longer before planting their seed beds.

George Jobst and Tony Ruden, of the Willow Pens neighborhood, have resigned their jobs on the Dixie Highway. Both are engaged in turning over the soil, preparatory for fall crops.

If you have a good horse, mule or yoke of oxen to trade for a lot of hogs, at home and loose in the woods, you can get my address at The Herald office, Punta Gorda.

Miss Carrie Rosenbaum, who has been visiting her father and older sisters for some months past, has improved in health so much that she has decided to accept a position in Plant City. She will be missed very much.

J. C. Bryant, W. A. Kaler and son Fred were Fort Myers visitors this week.

RICE BOYS ESCAPED

Since the first page of this paper was printed, the Tampa Tribune of yesterday came in with a despatch from Miami stating that the Rice brothers and their pals had escaped from the posse pursuing them, not, however, before they had another encounter with a posse. It seems that, after the fight early Sunday morning in which they killed three men, and after eluding the vigilance of the posse until Tuesday, they secured a boat in which they took to the open water and were proceeding down Rock Harbor, when they were sighted and pursued by a posse in a boat.

The desperadoes with rifles opened fire and their balls sank the boat containing the possemen. The despatch intimates that, notwithstanding the disaster, the officers continued the chase and drove the bandits ashore on Key Largo. Here the news about them ends, and the belief is expressed that they have made a final getaway. The officers directing the chase appear to have made a botch from the beginning.

If the fugitives should be captured within the next few days, it is thought that they will be lynched.

PUNTA GORDA

For the purpose of supplying information such as is desired by many people of other sections who are interested in this locality the following facts are given:

Punta Gorda is on the Charlotte Harbor Division of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R., 275 miles south of Jacksonville, 80 miles east of south from Tampa on the south side of Charlotte Harbor, 25 miles from its mouth, Boca Grande. Its population by the State census of 1915 was slightly in excess of 1700, but this number has been considerably increased by people who have located here since the census was taken, and the number of people in the town now is variously estimated at from 1,800 to 2,000. Of this population about 300 are negroes.

There are Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Baptist churches with regular services for white people, and Methodist and Baptist churches for negroes. A public school for white children, embracing grammar and high school departments, employs eleven teachers and has an enrollment of several hundred pupils. The negroes have a good public school with two teachers and an enrollment of about forty pupils.

The taxation for city, county and other purposes is not considered excessive, and considering that property heretofore has been assessed at about one third its real value there has been little occasion for dissatisfaction from this source.

The town contains two substantial banks, an excellent telephone system with connections all over the neighboring counties; post office, telegraph and express offices; several private boarding houses, four hotels; plenty of grocery, dry goods, drug and other stores to supply all demands of the trade; machine, automobile, wagon and boat shops; ice factory, bottling works, cigar factories, a lively stable, newspaper and job printing office, bakery, restaurants, a town hall; flourishing lodges of Masons, Woodmen of the World, Red Men, Maccabees, Eastern Star, Woodman's Circle, and Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees; a plant for making concrete building blocks; five lawyers, three physicians, two dentists, a number of real estate men, etc.

The chief industry is fishing, in which several wholesale firms with 300 or more men are engaged. Capital invested in the business is estimated at over \$100,000, and large shipments of fish on ice are made almost daily during the fishing seasons. The bulk of the fish shipped are mullet, but many pompano, Spanish mackerel, bass, trout, sheep-head, snapper and other fine food fish are shipped. The oyster business is small.

Next to fishing, the cultivation of fancy pineapples engages most attention, as the profits of this industry often reach \$500 an acre. It requires about \$1,500 to properly prepare and plant an acre in pineapples, but after this \$200 a year would cover the cost of cultivation. The plants bear in twelve to eighteen months after planting, and continue to bear annually thereafter without replanting for five or six years.

Truck farming is an industry yet in its infancy and offering good returns on intelligent and well directed efforts. Profitable and easy crops to raise are sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and sugar cane, which pay \$150 to \$300 per acre.

Oranges, grapefruit, lemons and limes are successfully grown; so are some other fruits of lesser note.

Prices of town lots and of lands out of town vary so greatly that it is impracticable to give quotations here, but almost any one who does not expect to find in a new and sparsely settled country like this, the improvements and conveniences of Ohio and Massachusetts, can find here something to suit him in price and character, whether he wishes improved or unimproved property.

The town government consists of a mayor, marshal, five aldermen, clerk, collector and assessor, and a treasurer. The chief streets are being paved with asphalt and miles of public roads leading into town are hard-surfaced. The construction of a system of improved highways in a special bonded road and bridge district of which Punta Gorda is the center is now under way and involves the expenditure of \$200,000. More than eleven miles of cement sidewalks are being constructed.

A system of water works and sewerage has recently been put in by the town at a cost of \$60,000, for which bonds were issued.

The location is one of the healthiest to be found anywhere, as is shown by vital statistics kept by the local health officer.

A man can work out of doors here any and every day in the year. Prostrations from heat never occur. The climate here is ideal the year around.

Flowing artesian wells may be obtained here at varying depths, and a number of them are now in use in and about town, some for irrigation and others for supplying drinking water, etc. The water from these artesian wells contains mineral properties and is said to possess medicinal value, some citizens aiming to have been cured of various ailments by drinking it freely. The town owns four of these wells.

Our people are from various states and countries and are very liberal and tolerant in their views and opinions. They are hospitable to respectable strangers, generous to their neighbors, to the poor and needy, progressive and enterprising to the extent of their financial ability, law-abiding and united for the common welfare of their community. No kinder, better people are to be found anywhere.

There are but few dwellings or cottages for rent, but those that are renting bring from \$10.00 up per month.

Opportunities for amusement and recreation are varied and abundant; the finest fishing in the world is offered; there's boating, bathing and other outdoor sports that may be had.

In conclusion, whatever your object may be, whether business or pleasure, investment or recreation, health or happiness of any kind, it will be to your interest to visit Punta Gorda, where a cordial welcome awaits all good people regardless of whence they come or what may be their politics or religion.

Changing Seasons Bring Colds

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SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

J. F. STONEBREAKE, Plaintiff vs. R. J. HAHN, Defendant Under and by virtue of an execution, issued out of and under the seal of the County Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida, in favor of the plaintiff, and against the defendant herein, I have levied upon the following property, situated, lying and being in the County of DeSoto and State of Florida, to-wit: Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter, Section ten, Township 16, Range 24 east, (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 10, Twp. 16, R. 24 E.) and will offer the same for sale at public outcry at the west door of the Court House at Arcadia, Florida, on Monday, the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1916, between the legal hours of sale, to the highest and best bidder therefor for cash. The same being levied upon as the property of R. J. Hahn, to satisfy said execution and costs.

J. L. DISHONG, Sheriff, DeSoto County, Florida

Timberlake & Robbins, Attorneys for Plaintiff. t-oct-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. LAND OFFICE at Gainesville, Fla., Aug. 19, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Charles M. McWilliams, of Punta Gorda, Florida, who, on January 24, 1913, made Home Entry No. 011428, for S E 1/4 of Section 35, Township 41 S., Range 25 E., Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk Circuit Court, at Fort Myers, Florida, on the 5th day of October, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: George Jobst, of Punta Gorda, Florida. Oscar Thoresen, of Punta Gorda, Florida. Arthur Todd, of Punta Gorda, Florida. H. A. Boyle, of Punta Gorda, Florida.

t-sept-22 ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that I, P. Barlow, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 32, dated September 17, 1913, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, to-wit: N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Section 31 Township 24 South, Range 25 East Tallahassee meridian.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of T. E. Bridges & Co. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 4th day of September A. D. 1916. Witness my official signature and seal this 4th day of September A. D. 1916. (SEAL) A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida.

36-5t. By Clarence J. Carlton, D. C.

NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of J. M. Morgan, deceased, Mrs. M. S. Morgan, Administratrix and guardian of Henry Morgan, Minor heir. Notice is hereby given that on the First day of December, 1916, in the Court of the County Judge of DeSoto County, Florida, sitting as a Court of Probate, I

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intend to make my annual and final report as Administratrix of the estate of J. M. Morgan, deceased, and to apply for a discharge of the administration of the said estate and the guardianship of Henry Morgan, minor heir. MRS. M. S. MORGAN, Itemigmo Attorney, T. Z. B. Everton.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that D. R. Cameron, purchaser of tax sale certificates numbered as follows: 408, 409, 411, 412, 413, 414, 416, 417, 418, 419 and 222, all dated September 7th A. D. 1914, has filed said certificates in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificates embrace the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, to-wit:

Said certificate No. 408 embraces NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 6, certificate No. 409 embraces SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 6, certificate No. 411 embraces S 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 11, Certificate No. 412 embraces W 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 11, Certificate No. 413 embraces W 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 16, certificate No. 416 embraces SE 1/4 Section 17, certificate No. 417 embraces NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Section 21, certificate No. 418 embraces W 1/4 less S 1/4 of SW 1/4 and E 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 24, certificate No. 419 embraces E 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 24, all in Township 33 South, Range 27 East, and certificate No. 222 embraces NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 1 Township 33 South, Range 25 East.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificates in the name of E. D. Treadwell, Unknown, J. W. Bennett, Unknown, F. C. Collins, F. C. Collins, R. L. Croom, Unknown, Unknown, and Unknown, respectively. Unless said certificates shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1916.

Witness my official signature and seal this 19th day of September A. D. 1916. A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida.

By Clarence J. Carlton, Deputy Clerk. CourtSMCW4 ColC.

OLD CRIMINAL LAW.

When Prisoners' Counsel Was Not Allowed to Address the Jury.

It seems hardly credible that only a century ago counsel were not allowed to address a jury in defense of a prisoner. Sydney Smith first preached against this cruel law.

He pointed out that, while in any court where property was concerned, counsel was heard on both sides, in a court where human life was trembling in the balance only the prosecuting counsel was heard, and it was unfair to match a prisoner, unaccustomed to marshal facts and unable to speak, against skilled counsel, whose sole purpose for its own reputation was to win a case. Sydney Smith's eloquent words led to the passing of the prisoner's defense act, 1820, which altered the practice.

Another unjust practice which was peculiar to the Old Bailey was that when an accused person was acquitted he was obliged to pay the fees of Newgate or go back for want of money. So many unfortunate prisoners died in Newgate through this that Alderman Brown, lord mayor in 1733, caused an order of the court to be made that when any accused persons were acquitted by their country they should instantly be discharged in court without paying any fees whatsoever, an order which has been strictly adhered to ever since.

Of the challenging of juries one remembers a tale from Ireland. The prisoner was hard to satisfy, and juryman after juryman was asked to leave the box. However, all things come to an end, even in Ireland, and at last the swearing of the jury was completed. And then the prisoner leaned over the dock and sought the ear of his solicitor. "The jury's all right now, I think," he whispered, "but ye must challenge the judge. I've been convicted under him several times already, and maybe he's beginnin' to have a prejudice."—London Chronicle.

Albino Puzzle.

The albino is still one of the puzzles of science. Beyond the knowledge that albinism is due to a lack of the normal pigment in skin and hair the physiologist and pathologist are about as much at sea regarding the real explanation of this freak of nature as they were a hundred or a thousand years ago. As to the ultimate why of the problem—why the pigment is missing in the albino—there is nothing but a collection of unconvincing guesses.

A Water Volcano.

One of the greatest natural curiosities in Central America is the Volcan de Agua, or water volcano, which is situated in Guatemala, about twenty-five miles southwest of the capital. Its apex is 14,450 feet above the level of the sea, and cultivated fields and forest trees extend almost to its summit. It occasionally vents forth torrents of pure cold water. On one occasion an "eruption" of this kind inundated the northern valley and destroyed a whole village situated on the side of the peak.

BIG "MOVIE" STUDIO.

Jacksonville to Have One of Largest in the World.

The top of the Union terminal building, in Jacksonville, Fla., containing 67,000 square feet of floor space, has been leased by the Garlick Studios company for 99 years, and it will be especially fitted up to take care of 25 operating moving picture companies at one time.

When completed it will be the largest studio under one roof in the world, and be second only to the Universal at Universal City, in size. It will be thoroughly equipped and be absolutely fireproof.

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